Dear Mr. Lowe:
We have selected you for hire as an Emergency Teacher, despite your lack of experience or credentials.
HOO-YAH!
TOUCHDOWN!
NUTHIN' BUT NET!
WHO'S THE TEACHER?
WHO'S THE TEACHER?
I'M GONNA BE A TEACHER!

HEY, ABIGAIL! YOU'RE LOOKING AT THE CITY'S NEWEST FOURTH-GRADE TEACHER!
SO YOU'VE DECIDED A LONG LIFE ISN'T A PRIORITY, CAL?
COFFEE

WOW! I GUESS THIS MEANS I'M "MR. LOWE" NOW!

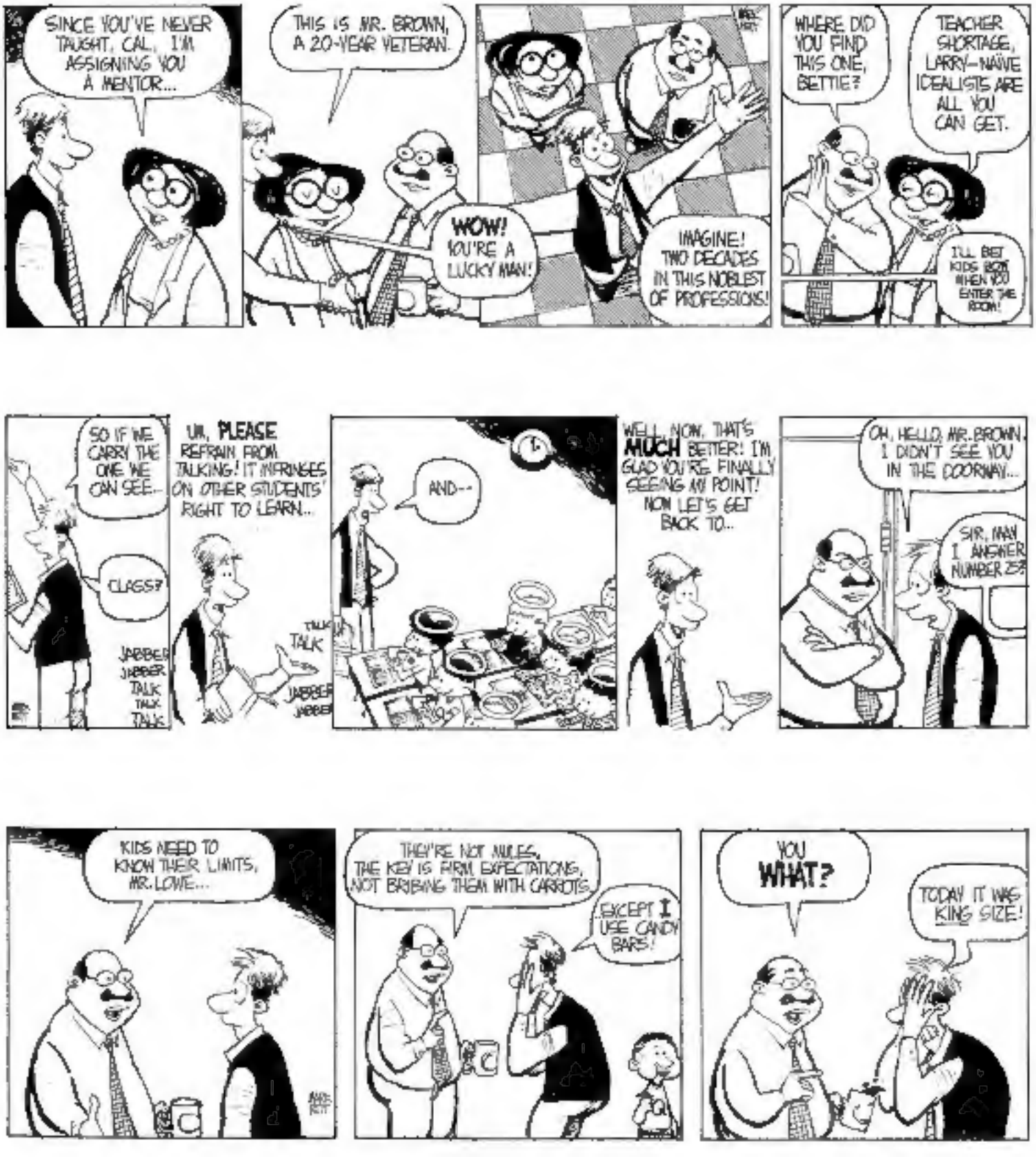
I'D SAY MR. "LOWE-CHANCE-OF-SURVIVAL" IS MORE FITTING.
MAYBE MISTER LOWE IS TOO AUTHORITARIAN.
HOW 'BOUT JUST "KEMOSABE"?

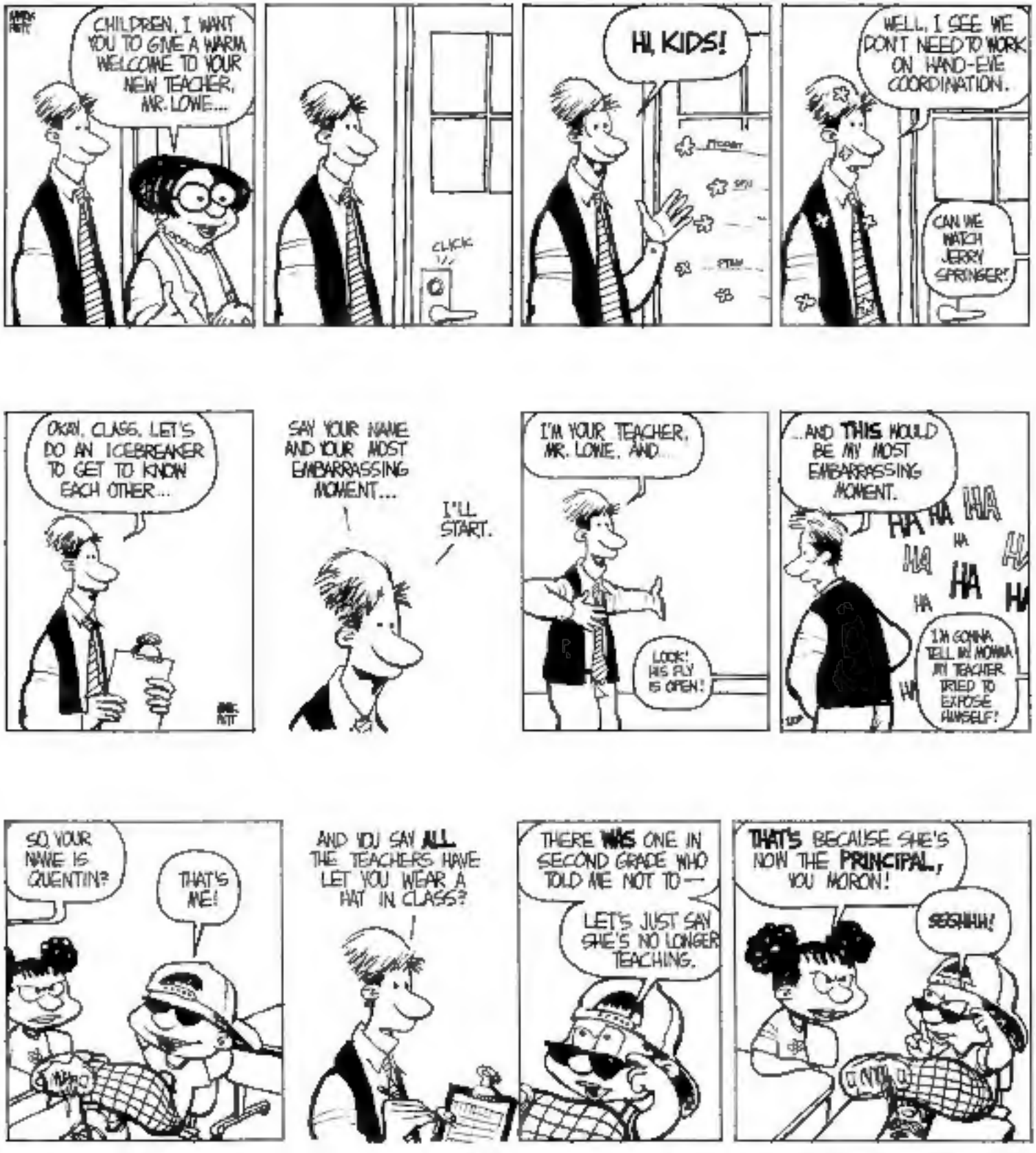
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A TEACHER, ABIGAIL— TO BE THE ONE WHO INSPIRES KIDS TO GREATNESS...
COFFEE
HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT YOUR CLASS RULES, CAL?

RULES? HMMM...
I COULD MAKE MY CLASSROOM A "RULE-FREE ZONE"...

WELL, WHEN YOU MAKE OUT YOUR WILL, PUT ME DOWN FOR YOUR STEREO.
...OR I'LL MAKE IT ONE RULE:
"HAVE FUN!"

WELCOME ABOARD, CAL. I'M THE PRINCIPAL, MS. STICKLER.
THANK YOU, MA'AM.
I'M HONORED TO BE THE LATEST IN THAT LONG LINE OF EDUCATORS— SOCRATES, BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, ANNIE SULLIVAN...
...AND NOW THE GOLDEN BATON OF TEACHING HAS BEEN PASSED TO ME.
WELL, AMEN, BROTHER—NOW LET'S JUST GET YOU THROUGH FIRST PERIOD.
HMM—I WONDER IF SOCRATES WOULD'VE WORN A TIE...
MS. STICKLER, I WANT TO BE ONE OF THOSE REALLY INSPIRING TEACHERS.
YOU KNOW, THE KIND YOU LOOK UP IN TWENTY YEARS TO TELL THEM HOW MUCH THEY MEANT.
WELL, MR. LOWE, LET'S FIRST WORK ON INSPIRING THEM TO SIT STILL FOR LONGER THAN FIFTEEN SECONDS AT A TIME.
YOU KNOW, I SHOULD PROBABLY LEAVE A WAY FOR THE KIDS TO REACH ME WHEN I GO...
WITH ALL I'M HEARING, MS. STICKLER, I'M GETTING A LITTLE NERVOUS ABOUT MY FIRST DAY TEACHING...
RELAX, MR. LOWE, THESE ARE FOURTH GRADERS, NOT HARDENED CRIMINALS.
BUT WHAT IF IT'S A COMPLETE DISASTER?! WHAT IF I TOTALLY BOMB?!?
STICK TO YOUR LESSON PLAN— YOU'LL BE FINE...
LESSON PLAN??
SETTLE DOWN, CHILDREN! YOUR NEW TEACHER IS HERE!


SINCE YOU'VE NEVER TAUGHT, CAL, I'M ASSIGNING YOU A MENTOR...
THIS IS MR. BROWN, A 20-YEAR VETERAN.
WOW! YOU'RE A LUCKY MAN!
IMAGINE! TWO DECADES IN THIS NOBLEST OF PROFESSIONS!
WHERE DID YOU FIND THIS ONE, BETTIE?
TEACHER SHORTAGE, LARRY—NAÏVE IDEALISTS ARE ALL YOU CAN GET.
I'LL BET KIDS BOO WHEN YOU ENTER THE ROOM!
SO IF WE CARRY THE ONE WE CAN SEE...
CLASS?
JABBER JABBER TALK TALK TALK
UM, PLEASE REFRAIN FROM TALKING! IT INFRINGES ON OTHER STUDENTS' RIGHT TO LEARN...
TALK TALK
JABBER JABBER
AND--
WELL, NOW, THAT'S MUCH BETTER! I'M GLAD YOU'RE FINALLY SEEING MY POINT! NOW LET'S GET BACK TO...
OH, HELLO, MR. BROWN. I DIDN'T SEE YOU IN THE DOORWAY...
SIR, MAY I ANSWER NUMBER 25?
KIDS NEED TO KNOW THEIR LIMITS, MR. LOWE...
THEY'RE NOT MULES. THE KEY IS FIRM EXPECTATIONS, NOT BRIBING THEM WITH CARROTS.
EXCEPT I USE CANDY BARS!
YOU WHAT?
TODAY IT WAS KING SIZE!


CHILDREN, I WANT YOU TO GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO YOUR NEW TEACHER, MR. LOWE...
CLICK
HI, KIDS!
WELL, I SEE WE DON'T NEED TO WORK ON HAND-EYE COORDINATION.
CAN WE WATCH JERRY SPRINGER?
OKAY, CLASS, LET'S DO AN ICEBREAKER TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER...
SAY YOUR NAME AND YOUR MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT...
I'LL START.
I'M YOUR TEACHER, MR. LOWE, AND...
LOOK! HIS FLY IS OPEN!
...AND THIS WOULD BE MY MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT.
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
I'M GONNA TELL MY MOMMA MY TEACHER TRIED TO EXPOSE HIMSELF!
SO, YOUR NAME IS QUENTIN?
THAT'S ME!
AND YOU SAY ALL THE TEACHERS HAVE LET YOU WEAR A HAT IN CLASS?
THERE WAS ONE IN SECOND GRADE WHO TOLD ME NOT TO—
LET'S JUST SAY SHE'S NO LONGER TEACHING.
THAT'S BECAUSE SHE'S NOW THE PRINCIPAL, YOU MORON!
SEGUH!

YES, SIR. MY NAME IS SHANIKA.
SIR?!? YOU DON'T HAVE TO CALL ME THAT!
I'M NO BETTER OR MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOU...
I'D LIKE YOU GUYS TO TREAT ME LIKE A PEER.
PERHAPS I SHOULD REPHRASE.
SPIT!
SPIT
SPIT
OKAY, CLASS. COULD YOU SETTLE DOWN PLEASE?
TALK
TALK
TALK
TALK
UM, CLASS? COULD YOU JUST SIT DOWN QUIETLY SO WE CAN GET TO WORK?
TALK
TALK
TALK
OKAY, FIRST ONE TO SIT QUIETLY WINS A CANDY BAR!
WHUMP
..SAID THE MOST PATHETIC TEACHER IN THE WORLD.
I WAS FIRST!
NO, I WAS!
LIARS!
YOUR NEW TEACHER SEEMS COOL!
MR. LOWE? HE'S A PUSHOVER.
YOU'VE PROBABLY JUST NEVER MET ANYONE THAT NICE BEFORE.
HE GAVE US CANDY BARS FOR BEING QUIET FIFTEEN MINUTES TODAY.
HE GAVE YOU WHAT?!?
TOMORROW, WE'RE GOING FOR KING SIZE!